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FOLLOWING REPEAT AMMAN 05236 SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 05236

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FOR PETER TARNOFF ONLY FROM PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, GRACE)
SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN WEDDING

REF: STATE 148798

1. INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL IS AS FOLLOWS.

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2. MRS. VANCE WILL BE STAYING AT RESIDENCE WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PICKERING. (SHE HAD BEEN BOOKED INTO HOTEL ROYAL SUITE BY GOJ ROYAL PROTOCOL, BUT THEY CONCUR IN SHIFT.) ROYAL PALACE WILL PROVIDE FULLY-ARMORED CAR, DRIVER AND ESCORT (ADNAN TALHOUNI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL). EMBASSY WILL HAVE AMBASSADOR'S FULLY-ARMORED SEDAN AVAILABLE IN EVENT SY WOULD PREFER TO USE IT AND

WILL ALSO PROVIDE A CHASE CAR IF NEEDED.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND REQUIRED DRESS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS. PALACE HAS INDICATED THAT SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND MAY BE REVISED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF NAJEEB HALABY IN AMMAN THIS EVENING.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- AFTERNOON ARRIVE AT AIRPORT. MET BY PALACE
- PROTOCOL STAFF AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS.
- PICKERING. PROCEED TO AMBASSADOR'S
- RESIDENCE.

- EVENING THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A DINNER TO
- WHICH MRS. VANCE IS INVITED GIVEN BY
- KING HUSSEIN AND LIMITED TO VERY SMALL
- NUMBER OF ROYAL FAMILY, AND FAMILY AND
- INTIMATE FRIENDS OF THE HALABYS.
- DRESS: INFORMAL; LONG DRESS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- LUNCHEON THERE ARE NO DEFINITE PLANS BUT PALACE
- PROTOCOL CHIEF THOUGHT THERE MAY BE AN
- INFORMAL AND INTIMATE LUNCHEON FOR
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- CLOSE ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
- OF THE BRIDE. DRESS: SHORT DRESS.
- ALTERNATELY, LUNCH AT RESIDENCE

- 4:45 P.M. MRS. VANCE SHOULD BE IN PLACE AT
- ZAHRAN PALACE.

- 5:00 P.M. FORMAL WEDDING CEREMONY. UNDER MUSLIM
- CUSTOM, THE "SIGNING OF THE BOOK" IS
- ATTENDED ONLY BY MALE MEMBERS OF THE
- FAMILIES. MRS. VANCE WOULD BE IN AN
- ADJOINING ROOM WITH THE QUEEN MOTHER,
- PRINCESS SARVATH, AND PRINCESS BASMAH
- FOR THIS VERY SHORT CEREMONY. THEY
- WILL THEN BE JOINED BY THE MALE GUESTS
- FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

- 6:00 P.M. RECEPTION, ALSO AT ZAHRAN PALACE.
- THIS WILL BE A RECEPTION IN THE GARDEN
- OF ZAHRAN PALACE. DRESS: PALACE
- PROTOCOL CHIEF SAID THAT A SHORT DRESS
- WAS BEING SUGGESTED FOR THIS OCCASION,

- HOWEVER A NUMBER OF GUESTS ARE CONSIDERING LONG DRESSES AND IT WOULD BE BEST TO BE PREPARED WITH BOTH.

- EVENING NO SOCIAL EVENT IS BEING PLANNED SINCE KING HUSSEIN AND BRIDE WILL HAVE DEPARTED FOR AQABA. FAMILY DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PICKERING.

4. PICKERINGS ARE NOT PLANNING ANYTHING SPECIFIC FOR FREE TIME FOR MRS. VANCE UNLESS SHE HAS SUGGESTIONS OR WISHES WHICH THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET.

5. PALACE HAS INDICATED THERE MAY BE A JORDANIAN GOVERN-
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MENT AIRCRAFT RETURNING GUESTS TO LONDON ON FRIDAY. THEY WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS UNTIL AFTER MRS. VANCE'S ARRIVAL. EMBASSY HAS IN THE MEANTIME RESERVED THE FIRST-CLASS SEATS ON FOLLOWING FLIGHTS:

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- 1000 DEPART AMMAN VIA KL 512
- 1700 ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

- 1925 DEPART AMSTERDAM VIA BE 423
- 1925 ARRIVE LONDON

(EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS FOR AMSTERDAM-LONDON FLIGHT MENTIONED IN PARA 5 REFTEL, ARRIVING LONDON 1800, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PURSUE THROUGH EMBASSY THE HAGUE.)

6. ROYAL PALACE HAS INDICATED THAT JORDANIAN VISA REQUIREMENTS ARE WAIVED.

7. ROYAL PALACE INDICATED THEY WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF ANY FURTHER DETAILS OR REVISIONS IN SCHEDULE AS THEY OCCUR FOLLOWING ARRIVAL TONIGHT OF NAJEEB HALABY. THEY WILL ALSO CONFIRM EXACT DEPARTURE PARIS AND ARRIVAL AMMAN OF JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT CHARTER WHICH WE WILL FORWARD.

8. GRATEFUL FOR INFO SY CHANNEL ON ARRIVAL SY AGENTS WHO WE EXPECT IN VIEW OF MRS. VANCE'S USE OF RESIDENCE AND POSSIBLE RETURN AT THIS POINT VIA COMMERCIAL AIR.

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9. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, WE CONFIRMED WITH PALACE MRS.
VANCE WILL BE OFFICIAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO WEDDING.
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